



Reply to Final Office Action dated August 27, 2004

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT : William T. Ball
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TITLE : PIPE COUPLING FOR JOINING PIPES OF
VARYING DIAMETERS
GROUP/A.U.: 3679
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Examiner : Eric K. Nicholson
Docket No.: P06545US0-144

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.114

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Dear Sir:

In response to the final office action dated August 27, 2004, please enter the following amendment:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remark/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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